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PART 148—CERTAIN EXCISE TAX MATTERS UNDER THE EXCISE TAX TECHNICAL CHANGES ACT OF 1958


§ 148.1–5 Constructive sale price.

(a) Purpose of this section. The purpose of this section is to set forth temporary rules to be used in determining a constructive sale price under section 4216(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by section 115 of the Excise Tax Technical Changes Act of 1958, with respect to certain sales made on and after January 1, 1959, by a manufacturer, producer, or importer. The temporary rules set forth in this section have application in the case of articles in respect of which the manufacturer’s excise tax imposed under Chapter 32 of the Code is based on the price for which the article is sold.

(b) General rule—(1) Sales at retail. Where a manufacturer, producer, or importer sells an article at retail, and the special rule provided in paragraph (c) of this section does not apply, the basis for tax shall be the lower of: (i) the actual price for which the article is sold; or (ii) the highest price for which such articles are sold to wholesale distributors, in the ordinary course of trade, by manufacturers or producers thereof. Thus, where a manufacturer, producer, or importer sells an article at retail, the tax on his retail sale ordinarily will be computed upon the highest price for which similar articles are sold by him to wholesale distributors. However, in such cases it must be shown that he has an established bona fide practice of selling such articles in substantial quantities to wholesale distributors. If he has no such sales to wholesale distributors, a fair market price will be determined by the Commissioner. In any case the price so determined shall not be in excess of the actual price for which the article is sold by him at retail.

(ii) Sales treated as first retail sale by purchaser and seller. If the sale of an article after November 11, 1985, and before October 1, 1987, was treated as a taxable sale by the parties and tax was paid with respect to the article under the interim regulations, the subsequent sale of the article by the purchaser will not be treated as a taxable sale under paragraph (a)(2) of this section.


§ 145.4061–1 Application to manufacturers tax.

The provisions of §145.4051–1(e) (1) and (2), relating to the definition of tractors and trucks, shall apply to section 4061(a)(1) for sales made on or after January 7, 1983. However, an incomplete chassis cab will be treated as a truck chassis for sales made on or after January 7, 1983, and before April 1, 1983. For purposes of section 4061, gross vehicle weight shall be determined under §48.4061(a)–1(f)(3) (i) through (iv) for sales made on or after January 7, 1983, and before April 1, 1983.